

# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, thirty-five years ago, on March 29, 1973, the last 2,500 American Troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam, thus ending a divisive and painful period for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, our nation was embroiled in the longest and most costly war in our history; an unpopular war, where too many returning veterans were not accorded the gratitude and respect which they deserved for honorably serving their nation; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam Memorial was unveiled twenty-five years ago; and

WHEREAS, this memorial is a proper and deserved tribute to the more than 58,000 U.S. service members who made the ultimate sacrifice thus enabling the healing process to begin; and

WHEREAS, there are 1,606 North Carolinians listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, this day should be an occasion to remember, dedicated to Vietnam Veterans, in the spirit of gratefulness and admiration, recognizing the heroic accomplishments of these service members who gave their lives as well as all those who served our country during the Vietnam War;

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina do hereby proclaim March 29, 2008, as "VIETNAM VETERANS DAY" in North Carolina and request all citizens both in public ceremonies and in private thoughts and prayers to gratefully acknowledge our Vietnam Veterans.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael F. Easley".  
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.